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1. Four reports on the sighting of Soviet naval vessels in the Baltic Sea and the Gulf of Finland

Soviet vessels

These reports describe and identify

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2. Ten photographs of two Sverdlov-Class cruisers, which were observed in Gdynia Bay

Photographs 1-8 show one of the cruisers on an easterly course followed by a small gunnery target. Photographs 9-10 show the other cruiser anchored at N 54-39, E 18-38.

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NAVAL

M. T. B.'S IN THE BALTIC.

2. [redacted] twelve miles due east of

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KOLLICKERORT Lighthouse (54° 34' N; 13° 41' E.)

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[redacted] two M. T. B.'s [redacted]

These vessels appeared to be on patrol.

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3. F. No funnel.

[redacted]
L. Estimated 75 feet.

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[redacted]
S. Flush deck.

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T. Single oerlikon type forward, twin (vertical) oerlikon type aft.

A. Single torpedo tube on each bow which appeared fixed.

Four depth charges were seen on deck.

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[redacted]
S. All vessels flew Russian Naval Ensign.

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Sea Sightings in the S. E. BALTIC.

1. [] four destroyers were sighted 25X1
bearing 100° at a range of about []

[] 9 miles due North of KOLBERG. The destroyers 25X1

were in line ahead and proceeding at approx. 20 knots on a course
of about 230 degrees. [] the destroyers altered course 25X1
in succession to approx. 135 degrees.

W. 1225 A on 1st December 1956.

H. 54° 18'N, 15° 38'E.

Y. 000° at 9 miles from KOLBERG.

D. Overcast

O. Free to observe.

F. One slightly raked.

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M. One tripole, foremast, small pole mainmast.

S. Flush decked with high and sharp bows.

T. Two turrets forward one on quarter deck. Smaller armament
not seen.

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R. Stationary. Description bears resemblance to a
navigation aerial.

S. Dark grey paint overall. No flag signals observed.

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2. [redacted] one destroyer was sighted 25X1

bearing 045° [redacted] at about 3 miles range. 25X1

[redacted] 25X1

Destroyer's course was 180° altering to starboard to 310° at 1410,
speed approx 15 knots.

[redacted] 25X1

H. 54° 46'N., 19° 10'E.

Y. 045° HELA point 10 miles.

D. Misty with slight rain. Poor visibility.

O. Free to observe.

F. One, broad, shorvish and raked.

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[redacted]

M. One abaft bridge superstructure and before the funnel.

S. Flush decked with high pointed bow.

T. Two turrets forward, one turret on quarter deck.

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[redacted]

3. [redacted] one small vessel anchored off

HELA point [redacted] No flag or distinguishing
marks were seen.

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[redacted]

Y. About 1 mile 045° from H. above.

D. Overcast.

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- F. One slightly raked with a small cowling forward.
Thought to be a "diesel" funnel.

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- L. 60 meters.
M. One pole mast at after end of bridge superstructure.
S. Flush decked and low.
T. One small gun shield on forecastle.
A. "Bands" on the quarter deck - possible depth charge.

One MF DF aerial.

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Comment.

1. Ships described in paras 1 and 2 appear to be all R1GA class destroyers.
2. Para 3. A KRONSTADT probably.

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1. [redacted] 2 naval vessels were observed in the waters north of Pulaski. [redacted]

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2 gun turrets on the fore deck.
Bridge, slanting mast, stack, slanting mast.
Stack, 2 gun turrets on the quarter-deck.

2. [redacted] a submarine on SE course west of Hogland [redacted] Is described as follows:

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[redacted] Conning tower with step in the front.
2 anti-aircraft guns, 1 pipe in the after side of the conning tower. The length was estimated to be 60 metres.
Observation distance 3/4 nautical mile.

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COMMENTS

Re para 1. Vessel [redacted] probably is a destroyer, possibly of the SILNEY-class.

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Re para 2. This is a Q-class submarine.

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